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TITLE: COMPUTERIZED FAMILY ADVISING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAKING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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31. The computer-implemented method according to claim 25 further comprising displaying an electronic response page in response to selection of one of a plurality of user actions provided by said funeral planning routine, said electronic response page providing said information on available funeral services and products in a database and enabling selection of said desired products and services from said available funeral services and products.

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Detailed Description Text (100):

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The method illustrated is used in gatherings or assemblages of group 4000 in which the monetary contribution or gift is selected from the group consisting of a political contribution, a charitable contribution, and a religious contribution. It is further understood that where gifts are made rather than contributions of the type referenced above, the monetary gift is selected from the group consisting of a wedding gift, a funeral gift, a christening gift, a birthday gift, an anniversary gift, a graduation gift, a mother's day gift, a father's day gift, a baby shower gift, a first holy communion gift, and a baptism gift. Basically, monetary gifts are included that are given for social events, civic events and religious events.

Detailed Description Text (249):

It is further appreciated that the method and devices described herein have general applicability in social events in which groups, crowds or throngs of contributors or gift givers are assembled and gifts or contributions made. For example, in the methods described herein the monetary gift is selected from the group consisting of a wedding gift, a funeral gift, a christening gift, a birthday gift, an anniversary gift, a graduation gift, a mother's day gift, a father's day gift, a baby shower gift, a first holy communion gift, and a baptism gift.

Detailed Description Text (297):

The variable X.sub.i is the ability of a speaker or solicitor of a contribution or gift to incite the group 4000 to action. The speaker is the stimulus evoking an impulse to make a contribution or gift by contributors or gift givers in group or crowd 4000. The more charismatic the speaker or solicitor of contributions and gifts 4088 (FIG. 17e), the more likely a respective contributor or gift giver.sub.n, or group 4000, will be to make a larger respective individual contribution or gift or cumulative contributions and gifts. By way of example, a candidate for political office provides a stimulus evoking an impulse in his supporters to consummate contributions or gifts in the field on electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 by a rousing speech. By way of example, a clergy member provides a stimulus by evoking a plurality of impulses in group 4000 at a service or fund-raiser to make a larger cumulative contribution on electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100. By way of contrast, with the envelope donation system the amount of contribution or gift is generally fixed prior to the service. Consequently, impulse giving by contributors or gift givers in group 4000 is not induced or facilitated and Xi is not increased. The provision of or dispersal of contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 or a plurality of terminals 100 and/or peripherals 100 harnesses the spontaneous impulse giving potential that is created by the incitement to action created by an external stimulus, e.g. a speech, a moving motion picture, and other auditory or visual stimulus designed to evoke a psychological response, e.g. sympathy, anger, compassion, thanksgiving, contrition, etc., conducive to the making of a monetary contribution or gift commitment.

Detailed Description Text (326):

For example, a contributor or gift giver who makes a small contribution or gift on an annual basis, e.g. \$50, for fifty or sixty years, will give \$2500 over a fifty year period, and \$3000 over a sixty year period. Therefore, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, terminal 120, a card account processor, or combination thereof, provides a system and method for facilitating the tracking or keeping an account of the cumulative contributions and gifts of respective contributors or gift givers. In one mode of operation, terminal 100 or peripheral 100, terminal 120, computer 3397, or combination thereof, monitors the frequency of donations made by a multiplicity of contributors or gift givers.

Detailed Description Text (331):

As illustrated in FIGS. 17f and 17g, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 utilizes message prompts displayed on display 840 to communicate wish list item prompts 4094, 4096, 4100, and 4102. Wish list item prompts are stimulus that evoke an impulse to make a contribution or gift. Wish list item prompts generally present needs for items the fund-raising organization of gift recipient has for specific projects. For example, wish list items for a political candidate includes a phone system for a campaign, the printing of 5000 copies of a newsletter to be sent to voters, etc. Wish list items for a wedding might include a new car, a new house, a television set, spending money for a honeymoon, and the like. Wish list items for a funeral might include a monetary gift to a research foundation, e.g. the American Heart Association (where the individual died from a heart attack), the American Lung Association (where the individual died from lung cancer), for the spouse or children of the deceased. A wish list item for a christening or baptism includes a monetary gift for a college fund, for the child's toys, etc. Exemplary, wish list items for an anniversary include a trip for a second honeymoon and the like. It is understood that wish list items are programmed into terminal 100 or peripheral 100 as a function of the social event the terminals or peripherals are used at. It is further appreciated that the wish list data, and contribution or gift data are further correlated in a variant of the mode of operation of the terminal or peripheral. This correlated data is then immediately recorded onto a report in one variant. In yet a further variant, terminal 100, peripheral 100, terminal 120, peripheral 120, provides for the automatic and customized generation by way of a remote printer of customized thank you cards for the contributors or gift givers. The customized thank you cards comprise gift giver name data, address data and optional wish list item data. The mode of operation and method described herein significant streamline the acknowledgment of gifts and contributions.

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crowd 4000. The more charismatic the speaker or solicitor of contributions and gifts 4088 (FIG. 17e), the more likely a respective contributor or gift giver.sub.n, or group 4000, will be to make a larger respective individual contribution or gift or cumulative contributions and gifts. By way of example, a candidate for political office provides a stimulus evoking an impulse in his supporters to consummate contributions or gifts in the field on electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 by a rousing speech. By way of example, a clergy member provides a stimulus by evoking a plurality of impulses in group 4000 at a service or fund-raiser to make a larger cumulative contribution on electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100. By way of contrast, with the envelope donation system the amount of contribution or gift is generally fixed prior to the service. Consequently, impulse giving by contributors or gift givers in group 4000 is not induced of facilitated and Xi is not increased. The provision of or dispersal of contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 or a plurality of terminals 100 and/or peripherals 100 harnesses the spontaneous impulse giving potential that is created by the incitement to action created by an external stimulus, e.g. a speech, a moving motion picture, and other auditory or visual stimulus designed to evoke a psychological response, e.g. sympathy, anger, compassion, thanksgiving, contrition, etc., conducive to the making of a monetary contribution or gift commitment.

Detailed Description Text (326):

For example, a contributor or gift giver who makes a small contribution or gift on an annual basis, e.g. \$50, for fifty or sixty years, will give \$2500 over a fifty year period, and \$3000 over a sixty year period. Therefore, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, terminal 120, a card account processor, or combination thereof, provides a system and method for facilitating the tracking or keeping an account of the cumulative contributions and gifts of respective contributors or gift givers. In one mode of operation, terminal 100 or peripheral 100, terminal 120, computer 3397, or combination thereof, monitors the frequency of donations made by a multiplicity of contributors or gift givers.

Detailed Description Text (331):

As illustrated in FIGS. 17f and 17g, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 utilizes message prompts displayed on display 840 to communicate wish list item prompts 4094, 4096, 4100, and 4102. Wish list item prompts are stimulus that evoke an impulse to make a contribution or gift. Wish list item prompts generally present needs for items the fund-raising organization of gift recipient has for specific projects. For example, wish list items for a political candidate includes a phone system for a campaign, the printing of 5000 copies of a newsletter to be sent to voters, etc. Wish list items for a wedding might include a new car, a new house, a television set, spending money for a honeymoon, and the like. Wish list items for a funeral might include a monetary gift to a research foundation, e.g. the American Heart Association (where the individual died from a heart attack), the American Lung Association (where the individual died from lung cancer), for the spouse or children of the deceased. A wish list item for a christening or baptism includes a monetary gift for a college fund, for the child's toys, etc. Exemplary, wish list items for an anniversary include a trip for a second honeymoon and the like. It is understood that wish list items are programmed into terminal 100 or peripheral 100 as a function of the social event the terminals or peripherals are used at. It is further appreciated that the wish list data, and contribution or gift data are further correlated in a variant of the mode of operation of the terminal or peripheral. This correlated data is then immediately recorded onto a report in one variant. In yet a further variant, terminal 100, peripheral 100, terminal 120, peripheral 120, provides for the automatic and customized generation by way of a remote printer of customized thank you cards for the contributors or gift givers. The customized thank you cards comprise gift giver name data, address data and optional wish list item data. The

mode of operation and method described herein significant streamline the acknowledgment of gifts and contributions.

CLAIMS:

3. The method of claim 1 in which said monetary gift commitment data input is selected from the group consisting of a wedding gift commitment data input, a funeral gift commitment data input, a christening gift commitment data input, a birthday gift commitment data input, an anniversary gift commitment data input, a graduation gift commitment data input, a mother's day gift commitment data input, a father's day gift commitment data input, a baby shower gift commitment data input, a first holy communion gift commitment data input, a religious rite gift commitment data input, and a baptism gift commitment data input.

4. The method of claim 1 in which said monetary gift commitment data input is selected from the group consisting of a wedding gift commitment data input, a funeral gift commitment data input, a christening gift commitment data input, a birthday gift commitment data input, an anniversary gift commitment data input, a graduation gift commitment data input, a mother's day gift commitment data input; a father's day gift commitment data input, a baby shower gift commitment data input, a first holy communion gift commitment data input, and a baptism gift commitment data input, and in which the devices are self-powered.

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TITLE: Method for streamlining the giving of contribution and gift commitments

Detailed Description Text (66):

In the case of a debit card 150 contribution or gift via a electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, the contributor or gift giver can authorize the fund-raising organization or gift recipient to use a secret identification number associated with his debit card account in order to allow the organization to automatically obtain the contribution or gift without seeking subsequent authorization from the contributor or gift giver. Alternatively, the contributor or gift giver may enter his personal identification number (PIN) into electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, terminal 120, or combination thereof, and electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, 120, or combination thereof, stores the PIN in an encrypted form for later processing. In this scenario, the contributor or gift giver need only perform the action of swiping or inserting, as required, card 150 through processor 160/240 on electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100 to make a contribution or gift. The secret identification number is associated or correlated with the card information, contribution or gift amount information, or combination thereof, and forwarded to a card account processor for post processing. In this scenario post processing includes obtaining appropriate authorizations, and crediting and debiting the contributor or gift giver's account and the fund-raising organizations account, or combination thereof, as required.

Detailed Description Text (67):

The present invention also makes provision that a contributor or gift giver need not disclose a contributor's or gift giver's card 145/150 account authorization code to the fund-raising organization or gift recipient for security reasons but still may wish to make a card 145/150 contribution or gift. In this case, the present invention contemplates that the fund-raiser's or gift recipient's terminal 120 or peripheral 120, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, or combination thereof, has an input 307 that allows for entry of the contributor's or gift giver's card 145/150 account authorization code so that it is encrypted and only decipherable and usable by the fund-raiser's or gift recipient's terminal 120 or peripheral 120, electronic contributions or gifts management terminal 100 or peripheral 100, a card account processor, or combination thereof, for processing the card 145/150 contribution or gift. An advantage of this feature is added security for the contributor or gift giver. The present invention also contemplates using a touch sensitive screen, not shown, to input, a contributor or gift giver's name, credit card and/or debit account information, the collection for which the contribution or gift is made if there are multiple collections, and the like.

Detailed Description Text (151):

In another variant of peripheral 100, self-powered peripheral 100 consists essentially of card reader 307; optional program storage having routines for